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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Kalkunte et al.  
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Examiner : Frank Duong

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to continued examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.